

SOCIAL LIFE IN AND ABOUT PHILADELPHIA



MISS ROSALIE DOLAN has issued invitations for a theatre party, to be followed by a supper and dancing, the night of December 5, in honor of Miss Ruth Cox...

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans Roberts have also sent out invitations for a theatre party, to be followed by supper and dancing at the Ritz-Carlton the night of December 16, in honor of Miss Inez Drayton.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Paddock Klapp, of 1715 Spruce street, have sent out invitations for a theatre party, to be followed by supper at the Ritz-Carlton on Tuesday evening, December 15, in honor of Miss Mary S. Wurts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts.

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin C. Gile will give a bal masque at their residence in Bryn Mawr this evening. There will be about 60 guests, including Mr. and Mrs. John W. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Penn-Gaskell Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John Tenbrook Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Szelatine, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gage, Mr. and Mrs. John E. McDevitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dewhurst, Miss Kathryn Kimball, Miss Mary Pletcher, Miss Elsie Lawrence, Miss Constance Gill, Miss Sara V. Stewart, Miss Margaret Moyie, Miss Helen E. Fulton, Miss Anne Pohlig, Miss Carlotta Brodhead, Miss Katharine Hart, Peter Penn-Gaskell Hall, Francis C. Miller, Melvin Snyder, Jack Blank, George A. Mellon, John P. Scott, Bill Pohlig, Gleason Miller, Henry Brodhead, Carlos D. Gile.

A dinner will be given at the Pennsylvania Hospital on Monday night by the doctors of the staff in honor of Dr. Ralph Bromer, who has just returned from the American Hospital in Paris, and Dr. Richard Dale Hopkins, whose marriage to Miss Florence Adele Savage will take place on Wednesday.

Doctor Bromer had a most interesting time in Paris, where he was arrested by the Government as a German spy. He will leave for Boston next week, where he will be located for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer will entertain at dinner tonight in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Yarnall, of 17th and Locust streets, will entertain a children's party this afternoon.

Mrs. J. Morgan Harding will entertain at a theatre party tonight, to be followed by a supper at the Bellevue-Stratford, in honor of her sister, Miss Dorothea Oberstuffer.

Mrs. J. Madison Riley, of 1320 De Lancey place, has issued cards for two at home, Wednesday, November 11, and Wednesday, November 12. Mrs. Riley before her marriage, which took place in the summer, was Miss Florence Robinson.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the musical extravaganza which will be given by the managers of the Northern Home for Friendless Children in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford on the nights of December 8 and 9, and rehearsals have been going forward merrily all the week. A "try-out" for the cast took place on Tuesday evening and practically the entire cast has been decided upon.

The words and music of the farce, which is entitled "The Countess of Tuba," has been written for the occasion by Charles Leon Downing, and some wonderfully attractive solo dances and specialty work arranged. Miss Marie Starr, whose work in the "Prince of Albania" last year won such favorable comments, will again do a specialty dance, as will Miss Miriam Biele. Twenty-four children of the Home will have a dance, clad in "lightness" and pajamas, their tiny bare feet keeping perfect time to the music. Leaders of the cabaret will also have a scene especially to their liking with a very realistic setting.

The music is catchy, and a tender vein of sentiment runs like a thread of gold through the humorous situations in which the "Countess" and her expressman husband find themselves.

A large room on the third floor of 1415 Walnut street has been loaned to the management for the rehearsals, and as a proof of the enthusiasm which pervades the performance, boys from the Home take turns in keeping the room scrubbed and dusted, while their small sisters are planning to do their share of the work by folding circulars and letters.

ALONG THE MAIN LINE

OVERBROOK—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Bonkmyer will give a bal masque followed by a buffet supper, tonight, at Ro-Arden, their attractive home, City avenue and Raynham road. The guests will number about 100.

The large ballroom, converted into a barn for the occasion, will be beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, yellow chrysanthemums and pumpkin lanterns which will throw an artistic light over the dancers in their many varied and picturesque costumes.

In the dining room a large pumpkin, filled with yellow chrysanthemums and variegated autumn leaves, will form the table centerpiece, while the glow from pumpkin-faced lanterns, smaller than those decorating the ballroom, will throw the same pretty light over this room. The favors will be appropriate of Halloween.

Mrs. John D. Balts, of Overbrook, will give a luncheon to a few friends on Tuesday at Hamilton Court.

The spirit of Halloween will reign over the Overbrook Clubhouse tonight, when the October Saturday night dance will be changed into an old-fashioned Halloween dance. Under the glow of pumpkin-faced lanterns, and in rooms decorated with autumn leaves and great cornstalks, dancers dressed as ghosts, witches, goblins, and in other weird and picturesque costumes, will come out and dance with their fellow mortals who will have donned the conventional evening attire. The dance, which is a subscription one, will be followed by a subscription dinner.

Among those who have reserved tables for tonight are Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Passavant, who will give a dinner of eight covers; Mr. and Mrs. A. Francis Vetterlein, who will entertain six guests; Miss Frances W. Ferry will have several guests, while Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wolfe and A. W. Vick will give dinners of eight covers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baiding will close their home on City avenue, November 5, and will go to New York, where they will and November 1, on the Boltaire for South America, where they will spend the next four months traveling

through the principal States and cities, returning to Overbrook in March.

MERION—Miss Isabelle G. Carter and Miss Ella S. Carter, of 415 South 40th street, will give a Halloween costume dance tonight in honor of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic P. Carter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, on Beacon lane. The house will be prettily and appropriately decorated with autumn leaves and the pumpkin-faced lanterns so long associated with Halloween.

The table decorations will be similar to those in the drawing room and hall. About 20 guests in various costumes are expected to help celebrate the night of the goblins, and among them will be: Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gamble, of Palmira, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hillman, the Misses Dove, Miss Helen McHenry, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Elizabeth Boehm, Miss Katharine Taylor, Julian Biddle Carter, Charlton Linsley, James Ashbrook, Harold Fellows, T. Lueders, Mr. White and Mr. Meadowcroft.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wideman Lee have issued invitations for a dinner to be given November 25. Mrs. James K. Davis and her daughter, Miss Agnes Davis, have returned from a three weeks' visit to Atlantic City.

NARBERTH—Mr. and Mrs. John B. Morgan will give an informal dance tonight at their home on Chestnut avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mulholland, of Essex and Chestnut avenues, have returned from New York, where they went to attend the wedding of Miss Margaret Scott Cliff and Harold Hegeman, which took place Wednesday night at the Athrop Hotel, 75th and Broadway.

GERMANTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Gummy of 225 Pelham road, Germantown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude, to Mr. J. Ramsey Van Roden, of Overbrook, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, of East Penn street, will give a Halloween party tonight in honor of Miss Martha Shoemaker, who will make her debut later in the fall. The guests will include Miss Dorothy Dinsmore, Miss Margaret Lukens, Miss Edith Dallas, Miss Ruth Morse, Miss Grace Harper, Miss Mary Maris, Miss Margaret Hall, Lindsey Satterfield, Esther Rhodes, Frances Brown, Edward Lukens, Robert Haines, Oliver Tatum, William Hall, Norman Morse and Stanley Herrick, of Princeton.

At the marriage of Miss Margareta Madeleine Quin and J. E. Vitte Coulboure, on Wednesday, November 4, the ceremony will be performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop McCort, at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, and will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride, 291 West Walnut lane.

Miss Katherine McK. Quin will act as maid of honor, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Mary Graig and Miss Madeleine Delahunty. Miss Rosemary Delahunty will be flower girl.

Mr. Coulboure will have Edward C. Quin as best man, and the ushers will be George Snyder, John Cunningham, Dr. A. C. Albrecht and Harold Marston, of England.

Miss Elaine English, of West Schoolhouse lane, will have as her guest over the week-end Miss Lillian Bomey, of Washington. Miss English and her guest will attend the dance to be given at the Huntington Valley Club tonight.

Arnold Jennings will return to his home, 6022 Greene street, from Hill School, Potstown, to spend the week end with his parents.

Mrs. E. Eldridge Pennock, of 6722 Greene street, will entertain informally at a Halloween party Saturday night. The house will be banked with autumn leaves and fall flowers, while the sun parlor will be converted into a cornfield. Informal dancing will be a feature of the evening's entertainment. Miss Eleanor T. Town will be Mrs. Pennock's guest over the week end.

William R. Tucker has returned from Washington where he went on a business trip.

Mrs. William W. Smyth spent several days last week at the Lincoln entertaining her guest, Mrs. T. White, of Baltimore. Mrs. Smyth left yesterday for Pittsburgh, where she will visit friends for several weeks.

Mrs. Edward S. Jackson, of 31 West Johnson street, left yesterday for Atlantic City, to be gone several days.

ALONG THE READING

Mrs. Dudkin A. Levick, of Township Line road, Jenkintown, entertained at a small luncheon on Wednesday when her guests included Mrs. Howard R. Levick, Mrs. A. Sidney Rambo and Mrs. William Harley Mulford.

Miss Helen Radley, of 3 Sharpless avenue, Oak Lane, entertained at a bridge party on Wednesday afternoon at her home. There were 60 guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner M. Cobb, whose wedding took place October 20, returned to Newtown yesterday, and will be at home to their friends after November 1. Mrs. Cobb was Miss Mary Wetting.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jarden, Jr., have returned to their home, 427 Old York road, and will be at home to their friends after November 1. Mrs. Jarden will be remembered as Miss Nellie McLaughlin.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Dr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Decker, who are occupying their new home, 636 Catharine street, will give a phantom party tonight.

Dr. P. Samuel Stout will entertain at his home, 601 Chester avenue, tonight. The guests will be masked.

The wedding of Miss Lillian Borie, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Borie, of 484 Cedar avenue, to George Allan Sigman will take place Wednesday at 6:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother. Miss Borie will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Florence B. Potts, as matron of honor, and will have her little niece, Miss Lillian Potts, as flower girl.

James Sigman, a brother of the bridegroom, will act as best man, and the ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. J. Beveridge Lee, pastor of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 25th street and Baltimore avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hyland, of 6100 Larchwood avenue, will entertain at their home to-night. The guests will appear in costume and the house will be decorated with pumpkins, autumn leaves and twinkling electric lights.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Lieutenant W. F. Cochrane, U. S. N., and Mrs. Cochrane, Lieutenant Charles T. Blackburn, U. S. N., and Mrs. Blackburn, will entertain this evening at the home of Lieutenant Cochrane, 323 South 21st street, the Girard Estate, in honor of Lieutenant Scheibla, U. S. N., and Mrs. Scheibla, of Germantown, and



MISS HANSEL FRENCH EARLE
Miss Earle, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Earle Jr., of Bryn Mawr, will be guest of honor at a dinner which will be given next Wednesday, by her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Dilworth Beggs, before the dance which Frederick L. Bailly will give for his daughter, Miss Edith H. Bailly.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stanbach, of this city. The affair will be a costume dance, and will be followed by a buffet supper. Yellow chrysanthemums, brilliantly tinted autumn leaves and cornstalks will be used for decoration, and black cats, grotesque Jack-o'-lanterns, gruesome ghosts, grinning pumpkins, etc., will help to transport the guests to the land of elves and witches.

The guests will be Captain Reynold Hall, U. S. N., and Mrs. Hall, Captain Byron Bierer, U. S. N., and Mrs. Bierer, Captain A. S. Williams, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Williams, Lieutenant H. E. Welte, U. S. N., and Mrs. Welte, Paymaster Manning H. Philbrick, N. S. N., and Mrs. Philbrick, Lieutenant Becker, U. S. N., and Mrs. Becker, Lieutenant Phillip Seymour, U. S. N., and Mrs. Seymour, Paymaster Wainwright, U. S. N., and Mrs. Wainwright, Lieutenant Commander A. T. Graham, U. S. N., and Mrs. Graham, Surgeon G. E. Robertson, U. S. N., and Mrs. Robertson, Dr. A. Herbert Allen, U. S. N., and Mrs. Allen, Naval Constructor Allan J. Chantry, U. S. N., and Mrs. Chantry, Doctor Dodge, U. S. N., and Mrs. Dodge, Lieutenant Charles A. Lutz, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Lutz, Naval Constructor A. B. Court, U. S. N., and Mrs. Court, Captain William Bell, U. S. N., and Mrs. Bell, Lieutenant Commander G. B. Landenberger, U. S. N., and Mrs. Landenberger, Lieutenant Bruce Ware, U. S. N., and Mrs. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Mulford, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fenner, Mr. Scott, Miss Olga Custer, Miss Anne Harris, Miss Marguerite Gray, Miss Jesse Wilmet, Mrs. Powers and Messrs. Torrey, Willmet, Pugh Meade, Hellmen, English, Fleming and Pleasanton.

TIOGA

Mrs. Lillian Park Harkness, of 267 North 15th street, will give an old-fashioned masquerade party tonight at her home. Halloween games will be played and fortunes told. The decorations and favors will be appropriate to the eve of witchery. The guests will be Dr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carey, Mrs. Caroline Taylor, Mrs. William Crispin Clarke, Mrs. Esther Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. George Behring, Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Hackett, Miss Dorothy Hackett and Byron A. Rath.

Mrs. Charles Thompson, of 531 North Warwick street, gave an informal tea on Tuesday afternoon, when her guests were Miss Florence Ivey, Miss Ida Dripps, Mrs. W. Crofton, Mrs. J. H. Chadwick, Mrs. Louis Bigard, Mrs. John O. Taxis, Mrs. Raynor Bowman, Mrs. Wesley Flanagan, Mrs. Morton Hillman, Mrs. Harvey Cressman, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Paul Vought, Mrs. J. Newfield.

Mrs. Victor Beck, of 225 North Broad street, was hostess to the members of her "509" club on Tuesday afternoon, at a luncheon and card party. Her guests included Mrs. Raymond Brooks, Mrs. Elwood A. Steelman, Miss Mary Weldon, Mrs. Zane Hoffman, Miss Edna McFadden, Miss Jennie Querns, Mrs. William Voorhees, Miss Edna McFadden, Mrs. Carl Schaeffer and Miss Kathryn Querns.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Carroll and Dr. and Mrs. Charles O'Brien, of 2831 North Broad street, will entertain this evening. The affair is a costume supper and the dainty autumn leaves and yellow chrysanthemums will be used for decorations, and black cats, grotesque pumpkin heads, grinning ghosts, etc., will help to take the guests to the land of the witches. Their guests will be Miss Frances Rodgers, of Secane, Pa.; Miss Frances Woods, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Dorothy Wierling, of Pittsburgh; Miss Helen Childs, Miss Helen Toole, Miss Marie O'Donnell, Miss Henrietta Kelly, Miss Catherine Murphy, Miss Clara Helmich, Mrs. A. Grady, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Yates, John Farrell, of New York; Albert Crown, of Birmingham, Frederick Wallace, of Churchill, Md.; George Blades, of North Carolina; James Ryan, Jack Hunter, Merry McGill, William Burns, Philip Helmich, Thomas Grealey, Alfred Sweeney, John Collins, Louis Carroll and Frank Wolfe.

CAMDEN AND VICINITY

Mrs. Caroline Hackett, of 413 Linden street, entertained at dinner last evening, afterwards taking her guests to hear Mrs. Lippincott in recital at the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Collins, of Haddonfield, have been in Atlantic City for a sojourn. The Collingswood Country Club members are giving a series of "509" parties on Wednesday evenings.

SOCIETY CELEBRATES ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Debutantes, Married Set, Young and Old, Will Masquerade in Weird Costumes Tonight

Opportunities for fun-making on All Hallows' Eve are unlimited, and the occasion invariably brings forth many novel and interesting entertainments.

The indefatigable and charming hosts, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Clothier, will give a supper tonight at Valley Hill farm, their estate near Phoenixville, following the Pickering Hunt Club races, when the Main Line hunting set will turn out in full force.

Probably the largest affair of its kind will be the supper-dance, to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Eugene Smith for their daughters, Miss Mary C. Smith and Miss Edith T. Smith, at "The Button" in Fairmount Park. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have given a dance on Halloween for several years past and the younger set, including debutantes of this and previous years, look forward eagerly to the night.

Among the guests will be Miss Katherine H. Kremer, Miss Edwina Elkins Bruner, Miss Alva Sergeant, Miss Phoebe W. Adams, Miss Ellen J. Sellers, Miss Marguerite T. Patterson, Miss Mildred Lee, Miss Jane Harding, Miss Anne H. Spencer, Miss Christine Spencer, William Platt Pepper, Roland M. Hunter, Ludwig C. Lewis, M. Stevenson Saaby, Edwin M. Lewis, G. R. Sergeant, Walter W. L. Foterall, Daniel L. Hutchinson, Jr., Armit Brown, William O. Rowland, Cary Wilcox, George Harding, Richard C. McCall, Lieutenant A. Elliott Brown, U. S. A.

Judge and Mrs. J. Willis Martin will give a country supper tonight at their Chestnut Hill home for Miss Margaret Burton, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Burton. The guests will don farmers' attire.

Dr. and Mrs. L. Foster Jack, who will introduce their daughter, Miss Mildred Marston Jack, at a tea this afternoon, will afterwards take the receiving party with a few additional guests out to the Merion Cricket Club for the dance to be given there.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lieber, of Bryn Mawr, will give a country dance at their farm near Newtown Square.

Most of the country clubs will also give dances for the members and their guests. For the costume dinner-dance, which will be held at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, a number of tables have been reserved.

A number of dinners will precede the dance, to be given by the Delaware River Club at Torresdale, and at the Old York Road Country Club; also a masked dance will be given, under the direction of Miss Hannah Comly, Miss Emma Comly and George A. Slifer.

Falling as it does on Saturday night, Halloween will be a most propitious time for entertaining among the younger school set, and it is difficult to find a boy or girl who has not been bitten to at least one party.

Dr. and Mrs. Norton Downs will entertain for their children at their country place at Three Runn. Mrs. Robert E. Glendinning will give a party for her young daughter, Miss Mary Glendinning, at The Squirrel, her home in Chestnut Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Janney, Jr., of Chestnut Hill, will also entertain for their daughters, Miss Alice Janney and Miss Mels Janney, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Grove, of Germantown, will give an affair for their grandchildren, Miss Helen Grove and Billy Grove. Another small hostess will be Miss Alma Wanamaker, daughter of Mrs. William H. Wanamaker, Jr., of Merion, whose guests will appear in fancy costumes.

A children's party will also be given by Mrs. Edward Norris, of Chestnut Hill, for her small daughter, Miss Emma Biddle Norris. The guests will include Miss Dorothy Logan, Miss Elizabeth Logan, Miss Margaret Dixon, Miss Dorothy Fagan, Miss Adele Fagan, Miss Dorothy Cramp, Miss Lillian Ferguson, Joseph Wainwright, Frank Norris, Henry Pratt, Henry Norris and William Norris.

ROXBOROUGH

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Butler, of 335 Fountain street, were the hosts at a delightful masquerade dance at their home, last night (Friday). Autumn flowers and foliage were mingled with ghostly pumpkin lanterns in the decorations. Festivities were told in a witches' cauldron, and mystical ceremonies created much amusement for the guests, who included Miss Martha Gill, Miss Anna Hess, Miss Sue Johnson, Miss Clara Finnegan, Miss Ella Finnegan, Miss Emma Haas, Miss Bella Snow, Miss Vera Westcott, Miss Regina McGarrigle, Miss Dorothy McGarrigle, Miss Dorothy Graham, Miss Martha McConaghy, Miss Marie Love, Miss Emily Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Jay B. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Goettman, Harry Esterheld, William Hamilton, James McCreery, William Halley, James Clemons, W. Clemmons, Elmer Hess and A. Smyth.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henniger will give a Halloween dance tonight at their summer home on East Port Royal avenue, which will be beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and chrysanthemums of the red and golden autumn tints. The guests will wear fancy costumes and will be masked. They include Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mainwaring and Mr. and Mrs. James Hindle, Miss Inez Cartledge, Miss Jessie Bonnal, Miss Marian Stout, Miss Iva Dugan, Miss Ruth Leah, Miss Rose Smith, Miss Anna Dugan, Alfred Henniger, Stanley Bussinger, William Bovard, Clinton Wunderlich, Conrad Walle, Rowland Dewees and Calvin Hain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Jones will give a Halloween dance tonight at their home, 323 Fountain street. The decorations and favors will be in keeping with the night, as will be also, the costumes of the masked guests. Among those who will participate are Miss Carrie Dittmar, Miss Gertrude Bottoms, Miss Edith Burns, Miss Margaret Berger, Miss Emma Bowtell, Miss Eleanor Dealy, Miss Annie English, Miss Kathryn Ellwell, Miss Marian Bertollet, Miss Elizabeth Ferris, Miss Emily Duerr, Miss Helen Higgins, Miss Marie Sheppe, Raymond Brillbeck, Addison Erdman, W. von Thurn, George Arnold, Mattland Bottoms, W. Koch, Carl Albrecht and Howard Stuckert.

CHARITY BALL

Again a Fancy Dress Affair, in All Probability Takes Place December 10.

Plans are actively under way for the 35th annual Charity Ball, to be held December 10 in the Academy of Music. Committees have been appointed, and, although not finally decided, it is probable that the affair will again be a fancy costume ball. Elaborate special features are also being talked of, but not yet determined upon.

There have been several changes in the committee of management of the ball. William Baker Whelen and George Emlen Starr are new members of the committee, and Robert E. Hastings and C. Emory McMichael have resigned. The death of Charles C. Townsend created another vacancy on the committee. J. Franklin McFadden has been elected chairman of the board of directors in place of J. Somers Smith, Jr., who resigned from that office.

The committee now includes Leonard T. Beale, J. Somers Smith, Jr., J. Parker Norris, Jr., Dr. Hobart A. Hare, Dr. John Frazer, William J. Clothier, C. C. Harrison, Jr., Edward C. Dale, J. Franklin McFadden, Richard Peters, Dr. William Pepper, Marshall S. Moran, Arthur E. Newbold, Jr., J. Hartley Merrick, Samuel F. Houston, Dr. Edward P. Davis, H. Laussat Geyelin, John F. Lewis, Albert P. Gerhardt, John H. Faclair, Ed. Edward Ingersoll, William B. Whelen and George E. Starr.

CHESTER AND VICINITY

Mrs. William M. Bowen, of Madison street, is entertaining Mrs. George C. Hill and daughter, Alice, of Salisbury, Md.

Miss Mary Murray and Miss Frances Murray have returned to their home here after spending several days as the guests of Miss Gertrude Buckley, of Pennell street.

Mrs. Jennie Erb, of Boston, is the guest of Mrs. George D. Hoves, of Highland avenue. Philip Schwartz, of Fulton street, is entertaining his father, Abraham Schwartz, of Vienna, Austria-Hungary.

Miss Mildred Volkshard has returned to her home on Upland street, after spending several days with relatives at Port Deposit, Md. Arthur Dolan and George Oxenford have gone to Meriden, Conn., where they will be the guests of friends for two weeks.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

LIEUTENANT OF DETECTIVES TATE is firmly convinced that woman is nature's most marvelous invention. "Not so long ago," he explained, "a man beat his wife into unconsciousness, while drunk. The neighbors called in the police and he was arrested and the woman taken to the hospital. I went to her bedside when we received word that she had regained consciousness, for we feared that she would die from the terrible injuries.

"Why did he beat you like that?" I asked. "Shure," she replied, "ain't he me husband?" "And it was useless to argue further. She recovered to receive further beatings. I presume, but she never appealed for police protection."

VON MOLTKE, not the chief of staff of the present German army, but his greater uncle, was taciturn—it was said that he could remain silent in every language ever invented, and German. It was disconcerting to face this human sphinx, and Marie Gelsing, a famous German actress, now dead, found it so one evening when fate placed her next to the general at a public dinner.

For more than an hour Moltke had not uttered a sound. Repeatedly had the actress sought to draw him into conversation. Again and again she had laid traps for him, but the wary old strategist was too keen to be duped. At last Gelsing could restrain herself no longer.

"General," she said, after both had been mute for ten more long minutes, "let us change the subject."

And Moltke did—by resuming a new silence.

THE Rev. C. R. Allison, rector of Trinity Church, Rochester, who is well known in this city, used to eat his meals across the street from the parish house. Every morning he met an Irish nurse-girl, who invariably greeted him with, "Good mornin', father; God bless ye."

One morning, dressed for a fishing expedition, he again met the girl. She looked at him quizzically.

"Good mornin', father," she said hesitatingly, "if ye're a role one, but to the divil wid ye, if ye're not."

HAVE no fear, ye bachelors, for a judicial opinion of tremendous import has been handed down to safeguard you and your reputation. Justice Hendrick, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, is the Solon who has rendered so signal a service to single mankind. It started when a nurse sued the widow of a bank president for defamation of character. The learned Judge listened patiently to all sides, took voluminous notes and then handed down this decision:

"It is proper for a young man to enter a basement to pack a young lady's trunk," he holds. So now there is no reason why you should not be useful as well as ornamental.

IN THE village of Dornarvo, on the Russian frontier, lives Hedwig Stavne, who was 121 years old on October 15, and who is thought to be the only human being alive today who saw Napoleon and his hordes march upon Moscow. Wrinkled, bent and with quavering voice, she tells how the French soldiers commandeered her chickens and ducks, because they would not eat her black bread; crooning, she recites the tale of the retreat, the desolation, the horrors of that disastrous campaign. And now she sees again an invasion of the "bear that walks like a man." What she thinks is not known, for old women do not talk when the enemy is nigh.

ALL the heroes are not found on battlefields—a bromide expression true, but one based upon many precedents. In so far as physical courage went, it is doubtful if there ever was a braver man than Paulus Stephanus Kruger, President of the South African Republic—the man who forced Britain to pay a price that "staggered humanity." It was on March 4, 1890, that the writer saw Oom Paul give a display of derring-do amazing in its unevenness.

For months the foreign residents of Johannesburg had been demanding railroad connection with the coast. For months Kruger had been telling them to wait. On the date mentioned a great mass-meeting was held on the grounds of the Wanderers' Athletic Club on Hospital Hill. Speaker after speaker denounced the Boer Government until revolt was in the air. Suddenly, over the crest of a hill, appeared an open barouche drawn by four horses. In the carriage sat Oom Paul—alone.

He mounted the speakers' stand. Facing 20,000 infuriated men, he didn't quail. His heavy blue eyes flashed fire. Drawing himself upright from his customary stoop—the old man stood six feet tall—he began in a rasping voice—not an apology—not promises—not retreat.

"You—foreigners," he growled in a voice of thunder, "if you don't like the way we Boers run this country, get out!"

For an hour he abused us—scolded us—defied us. And we, 20,000 strong, were cowed by the superb courage of a lonely old man.

THERE is yet another phase of so-called heroism, which is characteristic of the professional soldier—the sacrifice of any and everything to the cause for which one is fighting. Old Field Marshal Wrangel, of Prussia, made such sacrifices. In 1848 the revolutionists had captured Berlin, and the field marshal, a withered little man, who sat on his horse like a monkey on a camel, was in command of the besieging governmental troops. Wrangel sent word to the revolutionists that he would enter Berlin through the Brandenburg Thor the next morning. The reply came an hour later:

"If you enter Berlin, we will hang your wife out of the window of your palace, so that you will see her as you come through the Thor."

The next morning, Wrangel rode into Berlin at the head of his troops and as he passed through the Thor, he muttered sotto voce:

"I wonder whether they've REALLY hanged the old woman?" They had not!

BRADFORD

Our Land of Plenty

From the Chicago Journal.

The United States has 7 per cent. of the world's habitable area, and 8 per cent. of the world's population.

Also, the United States produces 20 per cent. each of the wheat and gold grown or mined in the world. This tobacco produces 85 per cent. of the world's tobacco crop. 68 per cent. of the world's cotton crop, 63 per cent. of the world's corn crop; while 40 per cent. of the coal, 44 per cent. of the iron, 55 per cent. of the copper and 61 per cent. of the petroleum output of the big round earth is furnished by lands under the Stars and Stripes.